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PLANT PUTS NEW FOUNDING,
PRINTING MACHINERY INTO PRODUCTION

The following items, taken from the Soviet press between 8 September 1949 and 22 February 1950, trace events at the Leningrad Linotip Plant:

8 Sep 49: The Leningrad Linotip Plant must get into production a number of new machines which have long been needed by the printing trade. Many of the pieces of printing machinery now in use must be improved.(1)

23 Nov 49: The Leningrad Linotip Plant has completed assembly of a series of experimental type-casting machines for Soviet type-founding plants. The new model is half the size of foreign machines and more productive. The first machine of the series was sent to the Leningrad Type-Founding Plant today where it will undergo operational tests.(2)

29 Nov 49: The Leningrad Linotip Plant has built a machine which can put out 2,000 bound books (minus cover) per hour. One-third the size and twice as light as similar US machines, it can be operated by three instead of the usual eight men. The bookbinder is now being tested at the Leningrad Pechatnyy dvor Press. Upon completion of tests, the Leningrad Linotip Plant will begin series production of the binding machine. (3)

30 Nov 49: The new bookbinder at the Leningrad Linotip Plant puts out 18,000 books per shift. All operations previously hand-done have been mechanized. (4)

4 Jan 50: The Leningrad Linotip Plant, the largest polygraphic machine-building plant in the USSR, has just put out its first large-point type-setting machine. The machine is designed to set headlines. The plant is also putting out new-model linotype machines, founding machines, and milling and shaving machines. During 1950 the plant will produce new-model dual-selector linotype machines, a notebook-paper-lining machine, an industrial sewing machine, five types of tobacco-processing machinery, and three types of machine tools for the watch-making industry. (5)

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22 Feb 50: Since the war, the Leningrad Linotip Plant has begun production of ten new types of polygraphic machinery. Among them is a cover-finishing machine which produces 15,000 cloth book bindings per shift. A thread-sewing machine is currently under development. When it is built, full mechanization of book production will be completed.(6)

SOURCES

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